

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board
April 11, 2011
Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Community Comments:

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director Silver Spring Regional Center, announced implementation of “Monday Night Conversations,” a weekly community event at Veterans Plaza intended to foster community discussions on issues of concern to Silver Spring residents and businesses. Other weekly plaza activities include Wednesday exercise day and Thursday game day. Rodriguez also announced the funding of Silver Spring Summer Concert Series by the Discovery Channel Corporation

Presentation:

Uma Ahluwalia, Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County, provided an overview of the agency, its mission, its programs and the constituents served. Ahluwalia also discussed the agency’s plans for handling budget-related issues.

Mike Diegel, Chair of the Silver Spring Arts and Entertainment Committee, provided an update on the development of public use guidelines for the Fillmore.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CED - Chair Jessica Fusillo updated plans for Taste of Fenton Village. No action items.

Neighborhoods Committee – Chair Casey Anderson announced that committee to focus on Woodmoor neighborhood next. No action items.

Transportation and Pedestrian Safety – Chair Darian Unger discussed traffic/pedestrian issues for Fenton and Wayne Avenues and the Department of Transportation’s delay in issuing its report on the matter. No action items.

Chair’s Report – Board Chairperson Kathy Stevens presented for Board discussion and vote a letter to the County Executive summarizing the Board’s views on the county budget.

Action: Board Vote Count -- 7 in favor; 1 oppose.

Also presented for Board discussion and vote a proposal to send a letter to Discovery Channel to express appreciation for the company’s decision to provide financial support for the Silver Spring Summer Concert Series.

Action: Board Vote Count – 8 in favor.

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